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ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT ON WATCHET FOR 1944.

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Reviewed as a whole the general Health Conditions in Watchet show definite improvement in 1944.

Overcrowding has steadily decreased, and though still present in some parts, the overall condition is good, as compared with recent years.

The Sickness incidence of the town has been below the average. Of Infectious Disease, eleven cases only were notified. There were one of Measles, four of Whooping-Cough, two of Chicken-Pox, three of Tuberculosis of the Lungs, and one of Glandular Tuberculosis.

Scabies is still present, but in much decreased amount. A Nurse is still available to treat cases, and Dodington will take in intractable cases for fuller treatment.

Diphtheria Immunisation in the town is very good, over 90% of the school children have been inoculated. Children under five years (pre-school age) has not quite so high a percentage, but is still good.

The number of deaths in the town was Nineteen.

The number of births in the town was Thirty-four.

This shows an increase of births over deaths of Fifteen.

Housing. No new houses have been built, but plans for a first instalment of post-war building of forty-eight have been approved.

There has been no alteration in the Scavenging of the town. Refuse is still adequately dealt with by the Incinerator.

Sewage disposal remains as pre-war, and though not wholly satisfactory, cannot be dealt with till the post-war period.

* The Water Supply remains unaltered. It was during one part of the Summer below requirements. This was partly owing to the drought, but mainly owing to the calling up of the Water Company's Maintenance Plumber, and the part time work which followed did not prove adequate to the demands upon it.

I may conclude by saying that the town's high standard of health was well maintained.

I The Quality remains good

II No Bacteriological examination made of the road water. Chlorination carried out a short distance from source

III Nil

IV Contamination by organic matter some years ago. Chlorination installed

V Direct to houses

Entrance - Collins Road

